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Officials still investigating fire

BLAZE Ottawa fire investigators are still working to determine the cause of the blaze that destroyed an apartment building in the Glebe Monday.

Heavy machinery was called in yesterday to tear down parts of the building at 114 and 116 Glebe Ave. because it was unsafe for investigators to enter the charred three-storey duplex.

Ottawa Fire Capt. Alex Davey said the initial damage is estimated at \$1.75 million for the building and \$750,000 for contents.

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NHL Senators beat Blackhawks



Chicago Blackhawks Jonathan Toews tries to put the puck past Ottawa Senators goaltender Brian Elliott last night during second-period NHL hockey action at Scotiabank Place. The Sens won 4-1. More coverage, page 10.

Same old Tory crew

Harper keeps economic team in place despite shuffle

Prime Minister Stephen Harper called it "fine-tuning the ministry," perhaps because "recalibrate" was already taken.

Three weeks after he shut down Parliament to give his minority government an extended winter break to "recalibrate" its agenda, Harper performed a minor makeover on his cabinet yesterday that left most major portfolios untouched.

"This is the cabinet that will lead us through the sec-

ond and final phase of our economic action plan," Harper declared.

The cabinet changes, which touch on 13 portfolios, were headlined by a Conservative government pitch to wrestle down the staggering deficits that sprang seemingly from nowhere after the October 2008 election and threaten to march indefinitely into the future.

But government economic retooling was hardly the

theme of yesterday's shuffle. Senior economic portfolios, including Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Industry Minister Tony Clement, Infrastructure and Transport Minister John Baird and Human Resources Minister Diane Finley were unchanged.

It is in essence the same crew that drove program spending up by 17.6 per cent over its first three years in power, slashed revenues by cutting two points off the GST, and is now pro-

jecting a \$56-billion deficit for 2009-10.

"They were in deficit before the recession began," Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said yesterday. "I don't know where Stephen Harper got his reputation for good financial management. This has been a disaster."

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Museum receives historic astrolabe

Canadian astronaut Julie Payette presented the Canadian Museum of Civilization with a valuable, historic navigation tool yesterday. When she blasted into orbit last July, Payette was carrying a replica of Samuel de Champlain's astrolabe. The real astrolabe, which was lost by Champlain in 1613 and then recovered near Cobden in 1867, was too heavy to be carried aboard the space shuttle. The astrolabe that Payette took to space is a fully functional but scaled down replica of the instrument that Champlain used while exploring eastern Ontario and Quebec.

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Skinner drops out of race for mayor

ELECTION Mayoral candidate Gordon Skinner has already called it quits. Skinner withdrew his name from the race yesterday.

In the meantime, Gloucester-South Nepean Coun. Steve Desroches filed his papers for re-election yesterday. Desroches had pledged to serve just two terms on council, meaning that if elected, it would be his second and last term. Desroches said he is still committed to that pledge, but there are a number of projects he would like to see completed in his ward over the next four years.

Lawyer and mediator Keith Egli is registered to run for councillor in Knoxdale-Merville Ward.

The election is on Oct. 25.

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Winterlude festivities set in snow

Lineup of activities unveiled for three February weekends at three sites

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Winterlude is one of the opportunities Canadians have to celebrate our winter traditions and our collective Canadian identity, National Capital Commission CEO Marie Lemay said yesterday.

The NCC has unveiled the lineup of events for the 32nd edition of Winterlude and the 40th season of skating on the Rideau Canal Skateway.

"Winterlude ... will help us build a sense of belonging in our community, and serves as an important draw for tourists from around the world," said Gatineau deputy mayor Joseph De Sylva.

To be held over three weekends, from Feb. 5 to 21, Winterlude will officially be launched with a musical fireworks display and outdoor dancing at the Canadian Museum of Civilization at 7 p.m. Feb. 5.

Winterlude activities will take place at three official sites — on the Skateway,



Papa Ice Hog walks National Capital Commission CEO Marie Lemay to the news conference for Winterlude at Confederation Park yesterday. Lemay said one of the initiatives this year is collecting money to aid in the Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

the Rogers Crystal Garden in Confederation Park and the Sun Life Snowflake Kingdom in Jacques-Cartier Park in Gatineau.

"For the 32nd time, I will be putting on my skates and skating on the Rideau Canal," said Coun. Georges

Bédard. "You have to do it when you've been in Ottawa for so long. When Winterlude arrives, you have an obligation — you get out there and you skate your little heart out."

Activities on the Skateway include skating lessons,

Portraits on the Ice: Celebrating Canada's winter sports heritage, aboriginal singing and dancing, the Winterlude triathlon, a bed race and the Great Canadian Beaver Cup Pond Hockey Championship.

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and other activities, the biggest snow playground on the continent will be created at Jacques-Cartier Park, while Confederation Park will host the international ice-carving competition.

The NCC has also announced new initiatives for this year.

While the NCC has already announced solidarity with Haiti, "given the tragic events in that country, the NCC would like to do even more," said Lemay. "We will devote the first weekend of Winterlude to Haiti and on February 5, 6 and 7, the NCC will work with the Red Cross and the Haitian community of the region to collect donations ... along the world's largest skating rink." Details will be announced shortly.

This year, the NCC will also begin measuring Winterlude's carbon footprint, in order to make the event and its operations carbon neutral by 2012.

Also, in order to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the skateway, the NCC is looking for submissions for an online photo album.

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Local voices missing in 'sloppy' cabinet: MPP

POLITICS The latest cabinet shuffle at Queen's Park has left Ottawa badly underrepresented at the higher levels of the provincial government, said an Ottawa MPP.

Premier Dalton McGuinty unveiled an overhauled cabinet on Monday that had just Ottawa-Vanier MPP Madeleine Meilleur, the minister of Community and Social Services and Francophone Affairs, as the only local voice.

Conservative MPP for Nepean-Carleton Lisa MacLeod called the new cabinet

"sloppy," saying that as the second-largest city in the province, Ottawa deserves to be better represented.

"We have no focus. We have no representation," she said. "In suburban and rural Ottawa, that means Nepean, Kanata, Orleans, and Cumberland ... are left out."

Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi said having the premier of the province coming from Ottawa South gives the city a great presence at the cabinet table.

Since the premier's job is

to represent the entire province, MacLeod said he could not be considered a true champion and advocate for the Ottawa region.

MacLeod called this the latest in a series of recent slights against the city. For example, she said there are

no pre-budget hearings with legislative members in Ottawa, opening the cancer centre at the Queensway Carleton Hospital is being delayed and the premier has been reticent to support the city's rapid transit plan.

Naqvi, the parliamentary assistant to the minister of Revenue and president of the Ontario Liberal Party, defended the province's record for investing in the city, citing the recent \$600-million commitment for the city's transit plan.

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News in brief

BANK ROBBERY Ottawa police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a man after a bank in the 2700 block of Alta Vista Drive was robbed last Friday. Police are seeking a white male, 25 to 30 years old, six feet tall and clean shaven.

PROSTITUTION Ottawa police have arrested 12 people in a prostitution sweep in Centertown and Vanier over the weekend. Ten people were charged with offences including communicating for the purpose of prostitution, mischief and possession of drugs.

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Move over, Hollywood North — the nation's capital is a great place to produce films, an Ottawa writer/director said recently.

"There's a vibe here," said Adrian Langley. "People are accommodating (to film crews). They take two steps back and watch quietly. (Unlike in Toronto and Vancouver), people are still enthusiastic about filmmaking here."

And Langley should know. On Jan. 27 and 28, he will be screening his new film, *Donkey*, at Rideau Centre's Empire Theatres. Langley's Fluke Films, in association with Ottawa's Parktown Productions, utilized 100 per cent local talent, facilities and creativity — at the Empire Theatres next week.

Unlike residents of Toronto and Vancouver, Ottawans are still enthusiastic about filmmaking here, said Ottawa writer/director Adrian Langley, who is screening his new film, *Donkey* — a movie that utilized 100 per cent local talent, facilities and creativity — at the Empire Theatres next week.

forced to go to Montreal, Toronto, or the United States to work.

Langley's project, to create a film completely "indigenous" to Ottawa, was a reaction to what he calls the film industry's "shoot and exploit" approach to the city. Local actors, writers, and directors are frequently

Langley said that his vision for *Donkey* was to create "mainstream fare with artistic flare."

He described the film — which tells the story of a "two-bit" thug caught up in a kidnapping plot — as a

crime drama, and said it's more accessible than his first full-length feature, *Dealer*, which came out in 2002.

Langley is excited to have produced a film that Ottawa can truly call its own. "I hope *Donkey* can serve as an example that Ottawa can do more than service outside productions," he said.

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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is to travel Monday to Montreal for meetings meant to prepare for a donors' conference to raise money for victims of Haiti's earthquake. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley told reporters yesterday that no date has yet been set for that conference. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Source in terror case doubted

A lawyer for Mohamed Harkat, left, suggests Canada's spy agency had doubts about a source who supplied information on the terror suspect. During a Federal Court of Canada hearing yesterday, Norm Boxall raised the prospect that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service had reason to question the source's credibility. The government is trying to deport the Algerian-born Harkat using a national security certificate, a rarely employed immigration provision.

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Let Haitians in Canada: Groups

Haitian-Canadians seek to get family members out of devastated nation

Haiti Crisis

Immigration advocates are pleading with the Canadian government to be more flexible in allowing evacuees arriving from quake-ravaged Haiti to be joined by their relatives.

A coalition of refugee and immigrant groups presented a number of requests yesterday for Ottawa to further relax its entry rules during the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

They delivered that lengthy list as distressed Haitian-Canadians continued massing outside the offices of immigration consultants in the desperate hope they might help get their loved ones here faster.

Advocates want the definition of who qualifies for family reunification to be broadened beyond the immediate household, to include brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and grandparents.

They were asked at a press conference how



A police officer talks to a woman in Montreal on Monday, as hundreds of Haitian-Canadians crowded around a law office in the hope of fast-tracking their loved ones into Canada, only to be turned away after waiting up to seven hours. Yesterday they were back, still hoping to help relatives from Haiti.

many Haitian refugees

their proposals might open the door to, and said it was impossible to provide an estimate.

In addition to automatic entry for closer family members, they want more distant relatives — like cousins — to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

They say Ottawa has shown some signs of flexi-

bility, but needs to do far more.

"We're glad that the government has announced there is going to be an acceleration of family reunification files," said Janet Dench, of the Canadian Council for Refugees.

"However, the feeling strongly is that the measures that have been announced to date are quite

inadequate to the event."

As it stands, spouses, children under 22 years old, parents, grandparents and orphaned minors qualify for family reunification.

There are other demands: the group wants the government to allow Haitians who have been in Canada for three years but refused refugee status to be allowed to apply for permanent residence status.

And it's asking that all immigration fees be waived during the current crisis.

"Measures were taken in the past to be more flexible and we're asking for it now," said Keder Hypoplite, a Haitian community activist.

"It's an exceptional situation and we're asking for exceptional measures because everyone is suffering."

Dench said it would be easier to bring people to Canada and deal with the cases here.

On average, the processing wait times at the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince before the natural disaster stood at 15 months.

Dench said it would be inhuman to have people waiting for months in Haiti, especially considering that many people have lost personal documentation and don't have access to a doctor to do the medical checkup required by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

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Privacy boss to look at Nexopia site

NETWORKING Canada's privacy commissioner should investigate how a youth-oriented social networking site uses the personal information of its members, an Ottawa-based consumer advocacy group said yesterday.

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre has filed a complaint with Jennifer Stoddart about Nexopia's alleged "unnecessary and non-consensual use and disclosure of personal information."

Nexopia boasts that it has more than 1.4 million users, most of them living in Western Canada, and has become "the place to be for teens looking to express themselves to the world." It hosts user profiles, blogs and forums and has attracted controversy for giving teens a venue to talk about risqué topics like drugs and sex.

Police have said that sexual predators have used Nexopia to search for young victims.

The Edmonton-based website should be forced to adjust how it deals with the personal information of users, who are as young as 13, said John Lawford, lawyer for the advocacy centre.

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TRENTON The flag-draped casket of the latest Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan arrived at CFB Trenton yesterday to his bereaved family and an emotional display from the Governor General.

Sgt. John Faught was killed by a roadside bomb

Saturday in the Panjwaii district of Kandahar province. The 44-year-old from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was a member of the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton.

Yesterday, Faught's casket was carried from a military

transport to a waiting hearse by a guard of honour as dignitaries and family members looked on. Among them was Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, who offered a hug to Sgt. Kevin Lincez, the escort officer accompanying Faught's casket.

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Judge orders publications to pay Polanski

A Paris judge ordered three French publications yesterday to pay damages to Roman Polanski and his family for printing unauthorized photos taken near his chalet where he is under house arrest — but the sums were a fraction of what the filmmaker had demanded. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



No White House party planned

Do not expect any partying at the White House today. Press secretary Robert Gibbs says nothing special is being planned to take note of Barack Obama's first year as president.

Obama took the oath of office Jan. 20, 2009. Gibbs acknowledged that today is an "anniversary of types" but says the staff is not focused on marking the first year.

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A 13-hour ride for Internet access

CHINA They arrive at a cross-road weary from a 13-hour train ride. The promised land lies just across the railway station plaza: a large sign that says "Easy Connection Internet Cafe."

Every weekend, dozens of Net refugees travel 650 kilometres to Liuyuan from China's Xinjiang region, whose 20 million people have been without links to the outside world since the government blocked virtually all online access, text messages and international phone calls after ethnic riots in July.

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Haiti Crisis

The UN Security Council yesterday unanimously approved 3,500 extra troops and police officers to beef up security in Haiti and ensure that desperately needed aid gets to earthquake victims as the world body defended itself against criticism that millions still don't have food or water.

A week after the magnitude-7.0 quake struck, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said the UN food agency distributed rations for nearly 200,000 people. It is a small percentage of the three million to 3.5 million the UN says have been affected. Ban said the UN goal is to increase the number of

Orphans heading to Netherlands

- A charter plane heading to Haiti to pick up 109 children being adopted by Dutch families will reach Port-au-Prince today, the Dutch government said, as an adoption expert warned against hastily pluck-

people receiving food to one million this week and at least two million in the following two weeks.

"The situation is overwhelming," Ban told reporters. But he said "initial difficulties and bottlenecks" in delivering relief items are being overcome and UN relief operations "are gearing up quickly."

He cited a new system at the airport giving priority to humanitarian flights, the opening of five new land corridors to deliver aid and

ing children out of the quake-shattered nation. The Foreign Ministry said the children were being gathered in an orphanage and will be bussed to the city's airport for medical checks before the plane lands.

U.S.-led efforts to open port facilities possibly sometime next week. In addition, badly damaged hospitals are starting to function, water supplies are increasing and more tents and temporary shelters are arriving, he said. The resolution adopted by the Security Council yesterday will add 2,000 troops to the 7,000 military peacekeepers already in the country and 1,500 police to the 2,100-strong international police force.

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Russia Rally for slain journalist



Demonstrators carry a portrait of slain journalist Anastasia Baburova, right, during a protest in Moscow yesterday. More than 500 activists rallied in memory of a human rights lawyer and a journalist killed a year ago, and several dozen of them were detained by police.

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News in brief

MASSACHUSETTS In a major upset in liberal Massachusetts, Republican Scott Brown rode a wave of voter anger to defeat Democrat Martha Coakley in a U.S. Senate election yesterday that may leave President Barack Obama's health-care

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An ugly juxtaposition

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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Rush Limbaugh is an appalling person. In the wake of the Haiti earthquake, he responded to U.S. President Barack Obama's plea for donations by advising his radio audience not to respond: "We've already donated. It's called the U.S. income tax."

When it comes down to the angels versus Rush Limbaugh, you always want to be on the side of the angels. But you also have to wonder about the angels.

With the best of intentions, the angels (including all the minor deities: Celebrities, the media, well-meaning politicos and, above all, Bono) are contributing to disaster fatigue.

Case in point: Did you

watch the Golden Globes Sunday? A parade of (literally) overexposed starlets took to the stage, each wearing a ribbon to express solidarity with the people of Haiti, along with hundreds of thousands of dollars in gowns, jewels and boob jobs, each solemnly encouraging me to give, apparently unaware of the unattractive juxtaposition.

Point 2. In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, various celebrity journalists wandered around the

devastation that was once Port-au-Prince, poking cameras into the faces of dazed survivors, lamenting the devastation. Not one hair out of place. I kept waiting for one of them to put the damn mike down, roll up designer sleeves, and get to work. Or at least give someone a drink of water.

I'm not done yet: This Friday, various superstars will get together and stage a good old-fashioned telethon, thanks to the noble efforts of George Clooney. More jewels and gowns for disaster. Right after the show, you'll be able to download the tunes, with

all the proceeds going to Haiti. Please ignore the subtle undercurrent of exploitation.

Meanwhile, rescue forces haven't

Rush Limbaugh

even tallied up all the dead, while they have to cope with aftershocks, looters, disease and unimaginable deprivation.

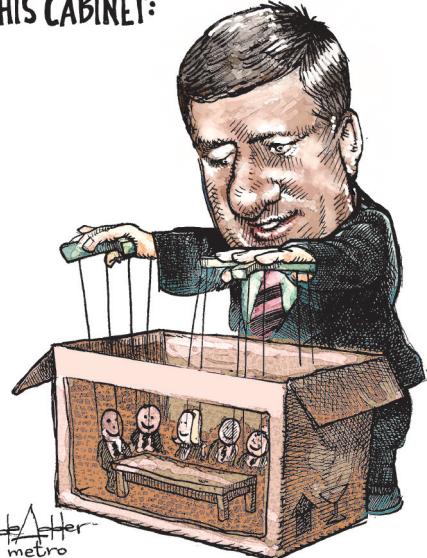
I'm not sure how much of this is helping and how much of it is marketing. Haven't we learned anything about nature's capacity to kick the poor of the world in the teeth, and can't we get there with food, water and rescue faster? Why does it always seem that the governments of the world have been taken by surprise, and it's up to you and me to bail them out? Isn't it time to change the script?

I realize Haiti needs to be rebuilt from the ground up, but I wonder if we could do with fewer gowns and jewels and more forethought and effective response.

And if that makes me more like Rush Limbaugh and less like Bono, I guess I'll have to live with it.

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STEPHEN HARPER SHUFFLES HIS CABINET:



Worth mentioning

U.S. apologies are not enough for Spaniard

A Spanish legislator has angrily rejected a U.S. apology for the FBI's use of a photo of him to create a poster showing what Osama bin Laden might look like today. The photo of Llamazares taken from Google Images to create a digitally modified image of the al-Qaeda leader for a new wanted poster, which appeared on the State Department website and offered a reward of up to \$25 million.

Gaspar Llamazares, of the United Left party, demanded yesterday that the U.S. investigate the incident and rewardsforjustice.net, showing what Osama bin Laden could look like today and, right, an "Apologies image showing a 2004 general are not election campaign image of enough," he told a news conference at parliament after the U.S. ambassador apologized via Spain's interior minister Monday.

The FBI has since removed the doctored photo of bin Laden from the site, but Llamazares said he wanted guarantees the images were not still in the hands of intelligence services at airports or other places abroad.

The FBI used parts of a



photo of Llamazares taken from Google Images to create a digitally modified image of the al-Qaeda leader for a new wanted poster, which appeared on the State Department website and offered a reward of up to \$25 million. The FBI said the forensic artist had been unable to find suitable features among the reference photographs of bin Laden, and in part used features from a photograph found online.

"I want a thorough investigation into this disgraceful case, which not only causes concern but also worry and indignation over the behaviour of the FBI," he said, adding he did not rule out legal action.

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Word on the street: Today is the one-year anniversary of Barack Obama's inauguration. Has Obama met your expectations as president of the U.S.?

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A: No, not really. He's done what every other president has done. I think there is someone bigger than him that tells him what to do.

A: Yes. It's not that much harder to do better than the last.

A: Yes. There were a lot of things he based his campaign on and he's chosen a few to focus on. He's managed to stay committed to health-care reform and (his) decision with the war in Afghanistan even with the economic crisis.

A: I would say people are happy with him, but we're still kind of waiting for the big changes to occur.

A: I was anticipating him to institute the changes he promised, but he hasn't quite lived up to all of them yet.

A: I think he has potential to bring the United States out of the economic meltdown, so I think he has lived up to expectations.



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JAL files for bankruptcy

Japan Airlines filed for one of the country's largest bankruptcies ever yesterday, entering a restructuring that will shrink Asia's top carrier by thousands of jobs. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business

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Boost needed: BoC

Central bank signals interest rates to stay low

The global recovery is strengthening, but still needs a boost from massive "extraordinary" stimulus measures to sustain growth, the Bank of Canada said yesterday.

And the central bank also signalled once again it intends to keep interest rates at historic lows until at least mid-year despite growth returning to the Canadian economy.

"Economic growth in Canada resumed in the third quarter of 2009 and is expected to have picked up further in the fourth quarter," bank governor Mark Carney and his policy-making council said in an accompanying note.

"Nevertheless, considerable excess supply remains, and the bank

Growth forecast

- As well, the bank tweaked its October economic growth forecast for this year a tenth of a point lower to 2.9 per cent. However, it said 2011 would be slightly better than it thought, with growth projected at 3.5 per cent. And a new report on leading indicators from Statistics Canada, released before the bank's announcement, offered more evidence that economic activity picked up last month.

in projected growth for this year, suggests Canada will be taking a message to the G7 meeting of finance ministers and bank governors in early February that now is not the time for governments to exit stimulus strategies.

In the statement yesterday, the bank said it would do its part by keeping its trendsetting rate at 0.25 per cent until at least mid-year.

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Feel like you missed the boat on the 2009 market rally? A new study suggests you're far from alone. Scan this code for the story.

Manila Fishing for a say



Protesters march for a rally outside a hotel at Manila's financial district of Makati city, the venue for the three-day Coral Triangle Initiative Business Summit yesterday in the Philippines. The protesters scored the summit for allegedly "ignoring the voices and interests of coastal communities."

Business in brief

TAKEOVER XM Canada says it plans to diversify away from its strong foothold in the automotive satellite radio industry by tapping into the growing iPhone application and GPS markets. The satellite radio provider, which has long-term installation agreements with several automakers, says it increased both subscribers and

revenue in the auto market during 2009, despite last year's steep decline in auto sales.

SPENDING Government and consumer spending will help drive most of Canada's economic growth this year, says the Conference Board's Canadian winter outlook. The economic think tank said yesterday the country's economic

outlook looks much brighter today than it did a year ago, but the forecast for recovery remains muted. While the economy will grow, job creation will not be high enough to make much of a dent in unemployment, which will average 8.6 per cent this year.

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At least 30 members of Haiti's soccer federation, including an undetermined number of players, died in the country's earthquake, regional soccer authorities said yesterday. In addition, the president of the Dominican Olympic committee said he was told by his Haitian counterpart that at least seven Haitian athletes from Olympic sports died. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Peca retires after 13 seasons

Michael Peca, left, is retiring from hockey. The 35-year-old announced yesterday that he's calling it quits after 13 seasons in the NHL. Peca spent last season with the Columbus Blue Jackets and was unsigned this year. Peca won gold with Team Canada at the 2002 Olympics and was part of two Stanley Cup finalists — the 1999 Buffalo Sabres and 2006 Edmonton Oilers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sports in brief

TENNIS Canadians were shut out of the second round of the Australian Open women's singles draw after Aleksandra Wozniak and Stephanie Dubois both lost their opening matches yesterday.

NBA Kevin Garnett is practising again with the Boston Celtics after missing the last nine games with a hyperextended right knee. Garnett took part in the entire practice yesterday, but coach Doc Rivers said he won't play tonight in Detroit.

NHL The Minnesota Wild have placed right-winger Petr Sykora on waivers. He had only two goals and one assist in 14 games with Minnesota, missing nearly two months following a concussion.

NFL Chan Gailey was hired by the Buffalo Bills yesterday, getting a second chance to prove himself as an NFL coach and inheriting a team that has missed the playoffs for 10 straight years.

QMJHL Mikael Tam has left hospital, but it remains uncertain how long the Quebec Remparts defenceman will be out of action after a nasty hit to the head from Rouyn-Noranda Huskies centre Patrice Cormier.

UFC The UFC hopes to stick with its May 1 date for UFC 113 in Montreal, but will likely change it if there is a clash with a marquee boxing pay-per-view. The concern is over rumblings that Floyd

Mayweather may meet Shane Mosley the same day.

NFL Deuce McAllister says he's retiring from pro football. McAllister hasn't played since 2008 but briefly rejoined the New Orleans Saints last week to serve as an honorary captain for the club's playoff win over Arizona Saturday.

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Sens keep rolling

NHL RESULTS

Blackhawks 1 Senators 4



Peter Regin had a goal and an assist last night and Brian Elliott made 29 saves to lead the Ottawa Senators to their fourth straight victory with an impressive 4-1 win over the Chicago Blackhawks.

Regin set up Ryan Shannon for what turned out to be the eventual game-winner and added an insurance marker as the Senators (26-21-4) beat Chicago for the first time in more than six years before a crowd of 17,556 at Scotiabank Place.

Mike Fisher added a late power-play goal for his team-leading 17th marker of the season and Elliott, who backstopped Ottawa to a 5-1 win in Boston on Monday afternoon, made 29 saves to halt the Blackhawks' three-game win streak.



Ottawa Senators Chris Neil, centre, and Jarkko Ruutu celebrate teammate Zack Smith's goal against Chicago yesterday.

overall NHL lead.

The last time the Senators beat the Blackhawks was on Dec. 18, 2003, when Hossa still played for Ottawa. He had two goals and an assist in a 6-1 triumph over visiting Chicago.

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Alfredsson can be depended on

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and along the boards and was rewarded for it with four goals and two assists and two wins for the Senators.

That Alfredsson came back so robustly should have been expected, given his hockey history. Alfredsson has never taken shortcuts, nor has he ever shortchanged his fans or employers. Even elite players take occasional nights off, but when was the last time anyone could say Alfredsson didn't bring his 'A' game to the rink that night? The positive results haven't always been there for him, but the effort always has.

All right, four goals and six points — including a natural hat trick in a win over the Boston Bruins Monday afternoon — now that was a bit of a surprise. But the manner in which Alfredsson made his return to the lineup should have shocked nobody.

Alfredsson certainly didn't spend his first two games back looking like a player who had just returned from a shoulder ailment. He was hardly timid as he ventured into traffic, went hard to the net and played willingly.

To be sure, Alfredsson will hit 1,000 points easily. Going into last night's game against the Chicago Blackhawks, Alfredsson had 958 career points with the rest of this season and three more remaining on his contract. Let's assume that Alfredsson will score somewhere in the neighbourhood of 200 more points before he calls it quits. That should certainly be enough to put him ahead of the fading Nicklas Lidstrom, who went into last night's action with 1,022, but some 200 behind Sundin's 1,346 career points.

It fits. Alfredsson will be No. 2 and trying harder.

The Hockey News
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McIvor and Duncan finish first

Ashleigh McIvor finished first in women's qualifying at the skicross World Cup yesterday while fellow Canadian David Duncan took top spot in the men's qualification. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Vancouver Games

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Venues get final touch-up

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

Organizers of the 2010 Games are hurrying hard to ensure venues look and feel like Olympic sites and that issues — including humidity from the coats of sopping wet spectators — don't affect athletes' performances.

Jan Damnavits, VANOC's director of city venues, said the Richmond Olympic Oval and the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre, home of long-track speedskating and curling, respectively, are in a three-to-four-week "fit out" stage of preparation.

Tents and fences are being put up and security perimeters are being established. The bright green and blue Vancouver 2010 graphics are being plastered on fences and buildings.

"We're on plan," Damnavits said yesterday during a tour of the two venues.

The Games are coming on the 12th and the venues have to open. It's not an option to wait until the 13th."

The Richmond Olympic Oval, which will hold 7,600 spectators, will have 57 temporary tents, 23 trailers and 75 portable toilets.

More than 30 kilometres of cable is being installed for broadcast lighting.

Large white tents were also used to create a double-door to keep humidity in the Oval low.

Inside, the large river-facing windows have been plastered with green-and-



An icemaker sprays water on the long-track speedskating track at the Richmond Olympic Oval yesterday. The ice-making process began about a week ago.

No loonies

- Venue managers for both the Oval and the Olympic Centre said there would be no loonies buried in the ice during the 2010 Games.

blue images of speed skaters.

Mark Messer, the Oval's ice expert, said the ice-making process began about a week ago with the cleaning of the building and the gradual cooling of the concrete slab.

The first coat of ice was applied and the ice was painted with Vancouver 2010 and the Olympic motto: With Glowing Hearts.

The Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre, which will hold 5,600 spectators and will be the largest curling venue in the history of the Games, will use 26 tents to form a covered concourse for spectators.

"The outside environ-



Olympic organizers lead a tour of the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre yesterday.

ment can have a very positive or negative impact on the field of play," said Neil Houston, manager of curling during the Games.

"The major challenge at this point is that we haven't had 6,000 people and pouring rain to test it out fully."

Water evaporating because of body heat from the clothes of thousands of drenched fans could raise humidity in the building, he said. It could cause frost

on the ice and could impact the way the stones respond.

GM Place, which will become Canada Hockey Place during the Games, will not begin its formal "fit-out" process until after Jan. 27, the date of the final Vancouver Canucks home game until March.

Damnavits said the process at GM Place will be very short and will have to be completed in a week and a half at the most.

Organizers dismiss roof concerns

STADIUM A small flood at B.C. Place Stadium won't dampen the excitement of the Olympic opening ceremonies, officials said yesterday.

Water poured through the stadium's aging roof last week causing a minor flood. That raised concerns the Olympic flame could be doused if there's a major rain storm during the Feb. 12 opening of the 2010 Winter Games.

"It's not a concern at all," said David Podmore, chairman of the B.C. Pavilion Corp. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Superstar aerialist prepares for last shot at Olympic gold

QUEST Eight years ago, aerialist Steve Omsischl had the physical tools to reach an Olympic podium but lacked the mental toughness. Four years later, Omsischl was mentally strong but a serious foot injury curtailed his quest for an Olympic title.

Now 31 and facing his final Winter Games, the native of North Bay is of sound mind and body as he takes his final crack at the gold medal that has eluded him twice before.

Omsischl is a superstar in his sport, with a résumé that includes four World Cup overall championships, five Canadian titles and 20 career World Cup victories. But it's a pair of less impressive showings that stand out the most — Omsischl placed 11th in his first Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002, then slipped to 20th at the 2006 Games in Turin, Italy.

Omsischl has explanations for both performances, beginning with Salt Lake, where he admitted he didn't know what to expect as a 23-year-old making his first Games appearance.

"I was overwhelmed at how big and flashy everything was," Omsischl says in a recent interview. "Instead of competing in places where nobody really cares, we have 20,000 people in the stands and there's all this media attention. As a young kid, I definitely got caught up in the expectation of it all, and I got away from remembering what



Steve Omsischl competes at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup on Jan. 15 in Park City, Utah.

got me there."

Omsischl immediately began to focus on honing the mental aspects he lacked in Utah, and his efforts paid immediate dividends. He finished second in the overall standings in the 2002-03 season, then captured his first overall title the following year.

He suffered a plantar fasciitis injury in July 2005 and was forced to miss several months of training, and entered the Olympics completely out of his comfort zone.

Forced to make up for lost time, he attempted a jump with a high degree of difficulty in the Turin semifinal, but couldn't stick the landing and wound up missing the final.

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Metro Drive

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GMC Terrain: Tough charm

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada



The 2010 GMC Terrain swaggers into the cute-ute arena with bulging fenders, chunky stance and a don't-mess-with-me front grill.

Yes, GMC's take on the freshly-minted Chevrolet Equinox looks like it might eat your kids, but the ruggedly handsome Terrain is really more Rosedale than Rubicon, Which is a good thing. For its intended mission as a compact CUV to go up against such stalwarts as the Honda CR-V, Ford Escape and Toyota RAV4, this little Jimmy makes a pretty strong case.

The Ingersoll, Ont.-built Terrain starts at \$27,465 for the base front-drive SLE-1 model with a 182 hp 2.4L four-cylinder. My tester was the top trim SLT-2 front-drive four-cylinder variant with a base price of \$34,400. All wheel drive adds \$1355 to the upper trim levels (SLT-1 and SLT-2) or \$1610 to the lower

2010 GMC Terrain

Type: Crossover utility vehicle
Price: from \$27,465
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder/3.0L V6
HP: 182/264

Highlights

- High-quality interior with plenty of storage
- Refined ride

(SLE-1 and SLE-2). A 264 hp 3.0L V6 is available for \$2050 in the three upper trim levels.

Like its bigger brother, the Lambda-platform GMC Acadia, the Terrain benefits from some fine dynamic tuning. The ride is compliant and refined, yet it also shows commendable poise on the B-road stuff. The variable assist rack-and-pinion steering feels good too.

The cabin design echos the exterior with angular architecture featuring high quality materials and enough visual bling to keep things interesting.

The 2010 GMC Terrain combines a powerful, handsome look with refined ride and utility.



There's plenty of well thought out storage, including a closed compartment under the centre armrest large enough for a laptop computer, and two-tier storage in the doors.

Base Terrains come standard with 17-inch alloy wheels, OnStar, Driver Information Centre, auto-dim rearview mirror with back up camera display, block heater and Stabilitrak stability control. The upper three trim levels get Bluetooth connectivity

with voice recognition, premium Pioneer sound with subwoofer and XM radio. Key SLT-2 features include leather, exterior chrome trim, sunroof, programmable powered lift gate, and rear park assist.

The direct-injection 2.4L Ecotec four makes 182 hp and 172 lb.-ft. of torque. Working through a six-speed auto with lockup torque-converter, it provides adequate urge, but won't set any enthusiasts hearts afire. On the plus



side, it's a smooth unit and returns the best fuel economy in this segment — 9.2L/100 km city and 6.1L/100 km highway on regular fuel.

General Motors is posi-

tioning the GMC Terrain a rung above the Chevy Equinox. As we're seeing with many new GM vehicles, this well-sorted little tyke comes across as very grown up indeed.

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7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	584	206	359	565
7. Jonathon Gremperger	BC, CA	599	241	324	565
9. Feroz Mir	ON, CA	594	224	334	558
9. Steve Ferguson	ON, CA	593	235	323	558
11. Tom Collier	NS, CA	608	252	305	557
12. Paula Almeida-Stille		592	234	321	555
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15. Brad Goetz	BC, CA	570	196	357	553

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Tata Nano coming? No need to panic

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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Tata Nano fever has spread to North America. If you're one of the inflicted we can only offer condolences. Because there is no vaccine, and only faint hope that this intriguing car will ever enter our midst.

Nano was initially developed for its home market of India, where the base vehicle sells for about 100,000 rupees — roughly \$2,250 Cdn.

But the concept of a simple, small, no frills, inexpensive, ultra-fuel-efficient device is compelling to people all over the globe,

particularly these days, when there is a heightened emphasis on efficient mobility, and a scary economy.

Nano freaks here first perked up their ears, when Tata went on record saying the company recognizes there is definitely a market for Nano in developed countries. It subsequently unveiled a European version at this year's Geneva auto show, with a planned launch in 2011.

And during auto show week in Detroit this month, an example of this European Nano was proudly on display at the Detroit Science Center.

Some took this as a sign that Nanos would be soon be consorting on our streets and highways. Tata is apparently mulling things over, but the odds are certainly stacked against the little bugger's entry into our markets.

For starters, to meet our

"We also have a terrible track record when it comes to the long-term acceptance of small, basic, inexpensive cars from far-flung lands."

safety standards and performance and convenience expectations, the Nano would have been heavier and more powerful (than 35 hp), and that means less fuel efficiency and a higher sticker price, factors that would quickly dilute the purity of its current compelling formula.

We also have a terrible track record when it comes to the long-term acceptance of small, basic, inexpensive cars from far-flung lands. Remember how we treated Skoda? La-

da? Dacia? First we say, "Yeah, sure, come on over for coffee." Then soon after, "Who invited you?"

Small cars like Nano are also famous for having small profit margins. To make money on Nano, Tata will need to sell quite a lot of them. But Tata has very limited capacity at present and lots of debt, and here in North America its initial customers might only be the "hipsters" — those who chose products primarily for their ironic cache.

And if there turns out to be a healthy market here for Nano and its ilk in the future, who is to say it couldn't be fulfilled by Toyota, Honda or Ford? If Toyota can build a \$375,000 Lexus LFA supercar and compete in F1, I'm pretty sure they can cobble together a Nano slayer.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

ACAD president to step down

Alberta College of Art and Design president Lance Carlson announced his resignation last Wednesday after serving as the head of the institution for six years. His surprise resignation comes into effect June 30. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Workology

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Two professors among Haiti deaths

According to the Montreal Gazette, two Quebec professors are among the casualties of last week's earthquake in Haiti. Denis Bellavance, a Cégep de Drummondville computer science professor, was lecturing at a university in Port-au-Prince when the earthquake hit. Georges Anglade, a retired geography professor who helped set up the Université du Québec à Montréal, and his wife died in the quake when the house they were in collapsed on top of them.

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Keeping you healthy at school

Working at School

Every Wednesday of January, Metro's Workology section will be featuring a variety of careers that you may not have thought of; jobs in which you stay in college or university after graduating. There are many jobs that make post-secondary institutions hum, here's but a few:

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Enrolling in a university gives students access to a range of fitness and health experts the likes of which they'll never see again, with staff on hand to get you into shape and to deal with injuries if it goes badly.

Susan Yurincich, fitness centre manager at Brock University, points to the school's qualified instructors in spin class, kick boxing, ball workouts, aqua fitness, dance, fencing and Japanese swordsmanship.

"You also get a free orientation with a personal trainer," she says. "(Students) get their own fitness program created for them."

Brock, which has campuses in St. Catharine's and Hamilton, both in Ontario, has hundreds of varsity and intramural teams in sports such as soccer, volleyball, hockey, underwater hockey and dodge ball.

"Just having a Brock student card, they automatically get the use of our indoor track, all the gyms, our studios, the whirlpool, the pool, squash courts and



The health service you receive while in university or college can be some of the best in the city you're in, depending on your institution.

outdoor tennis courts," Yurincich says. Most other post-secondary institutions work this way as well.

Joe Kenny, head of Brock's Athletic Therapy Clinic, oversees a staff including three full-time athletic therapists, three sports medicine doctors and an orthopedic surgeon to deal with any sports-related injuries, be they varsity or intramural.

University is a great time to get sick, too. In Halifax, nurse manager Jane Collins sees 60 to 70 students a day at Saint Mary's University's Student Health Centre. Complaints range from bad backs to sexually transmitted infections to mental-health issues.

"We have the best health service in the city," Collins says, with a team of practitioners led by five doctors swiftly tending to sick students. "If anybody comes by who has a sore throat or

something urgent like a bladder infection, we always fit them in."

The centre does blood work onsite, saving students a trip to the hospital. It can also do minor surgeries like wart removal. The costs are included in

the student health plan. That's great news for international students, who otherwise would face a hefty bill and a long wait with a trip to the emergency room.

The centre closes on the weekends, but it's not un-

usual for Collins to get a call on her cellphone from a student who needs the morning-after pill. She always makes sure they get what they need.

For mental health, they have psychiatrists and student counsellors to whom

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Grads move on to exciting roles

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for Metro Canada

Exciting careers can start close to home and to prove it, Metro tracked down some of Canada's most successful graduates doing careers they love.

Jon Cassar, Algonquin College

Emmy-award winning director and executive producer Jon Cassar is perhaps best known for directing and producing the first seven seasons of the hit television show *24*. He received an Emmy Award for his directing work on *24* in 2006 and says his career has really been the stuff of dreams.

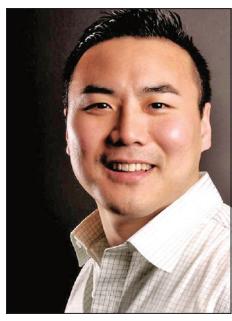
"My life has been very much like the TV shows and films that I make — it's been like a dream that



From left: 24 stars Annie Wersching, Kiefer Sutherland and Carlos Bernard pose with director/producer Jon Cassar during a photo call to promote the hit television series.



FlashForward star Joseph Fiennes and Robert J. Sawyer, right, on location in Los Angeles. Sawyer, a Ryerson University graduate, wrote the novel upon which the series is based.



Elliott Chun, 29, heads up public relations for Future Shop.

essentially came true," Cassar said.

Cassar, 52, graduated from Algonquin's Radio and TV Broadcasting program in 1983 and says his experiences at the school have stayed with him all his life.

"Some of the teachers are still the same ones as when I was there, and many people that are still in the business are some of the very best friends that graduated with me," he said.

Kristel Guthrie, University of Toronto

A graduate of U of T's Bloomberg Faculty of Nurs-

ing, 28-year-old Kristel Guthrie created IMAGINE,

Toronto's first student-run medical clinic to provide health care to homeless and lower-income patients in need. The clinic features students from a variety of medical programs providing holistic health care under the supervision of professional physicians. Guthrie, who loves giving back to the community, also works for COTA Health, which provides health care for adults with mental illnesses.

"The idea of giving health care access to marginalized populations is a big part of why I became a

nurse in the first place," Guthrie said.

Robert J. Sawyer, Ryerson University

Sci-fi author and futurist Robert J. Sawyer is the only Canadian — and one of only seven writers in history — to win all three of the world's top prizes for best Science Fiction novel of the year. A graduate of Ryerson's Radio and Television Arts program in 1982, Sawyer, 49, says that while he never planned to be an on-camera personality, he took the storytelling skills he learned in the program to heart.

"Even though I didn't

want to be on-air, I was very interested in the art of storytelling," he said. "I learned how one structures a story. The lesson is that any education is useful because the skills are often adaptable to any arena."

Elliott Chun, Humber College

Just five years since graduating from Humber's Public Relations Post Graduate Certificate program, 29-year-old Elliott Chun heads up public relations for Canada's largest electronics retailer, Future Shop. As communications manager, Chun manages PR for 144 stores, blogs about new gadgets from trade shows, and checks over every press release before it goes out. A true gadget guy, he relishes the excitement of his career.

"I have a love of technology and gadgets and now having the opportunity to be immersed in my work is

awesome. There's never a dull moment," Chun said.

Matthew Barnsey, Carleton University

Starships and spacewalks are Matthew Barnsey's thing, so it was only natural for the 29-year-old to seek out work at the Canadian Space Agency. After graduating from Carleton's Aerospace Engineering program in 2004, he was selected by the CSA for its National Astronaut Recruitment Campaign. He made the finals; while he didn't get chosen for the program, he now works for the CSA as a researcher, working to make longer trips — such as an outing to Mars — possible with advances in food, air and water transportation.

"We're lucky here in Canada to have such a great program and such exciting projects that are going to push our science and technology further," he said.

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Carlos R

Carlos came to Trillium College in 2008 after working several years in retail. He always enjoyed working with people, and was a person who his friends and family went too when life had it's challenges. He met with one of the Trillium Colleges Registrars and they determined that a career in Community and Social Services was the best fit. He enrolled in the 45 week College Diploma program and graduated later that year, with honours. He did his 8 week placement at a Mental Health facility and did well, and they offered him a full time position after he finished his placement. He has worked there for a year now and enjoy working with



Lisa B

Lisa enrolled in the Medical Office Administration program in 2009. She always worked in customer service and was hoping to find a career with more regular work and hours. She graduated with her Diploma in Medical Office Administration with honours. She obtained a career with a Chiropractic Office in her community. It is a small family business and she is very happy. "Trillium College gave me the skills and confidence to re-enter the professional workforce...the instructors were so supportive and knowledgeable" says Lisa.



Tina K

Tina came to Trillium College in 2009 to pursue her dream of working in a Dental Office as an Intra Oral Dental Assistant. She toured the school and liked the small classes and thought that would be best for her, as she had been out of school for several years. She had a young family and the regular schedule and taking one module at a time with regular evaluation, suited her best. "...I also appreciated the fact that I had my diploma in 50 weeks..." says Tina. Tina was employed by a Dental Office near her home and has a flexible schedule that fits her family needs. She enjoys her work, and feels like she is helping her community.



Karla T

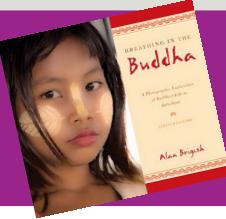
Karla always enjoyed working with numbers and decided that she was best suited to Accounting and Payroll. She enrolled in the Accounting and Payroll diploma program at Trillium College in 2008. She appreciated the small classes and individual instruction. She was hired by a small firm right after graduation and has since leveraged that experience and education to a Accounts Payable position with a larger company. Karla says "...the instructors went thru the Accounting and Microsoft programs and explained how we would be using them in the office environment....also learned the skills to go into business for ourselves...."



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Breathing in the culture

Documentary photographer Alan Brigish has just released his second limited edition coffee table book, *Breathing in the Buddha: A Photographic Exploration of Buddhist Life in Indochina* (\$50). The book's luminous images tell two parallel stories. The first explores the daily life of Buddhist people in three cities within Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, and then reflects the author's extensive travels throughout Burma and gives tips on where to see. The second story is the author's exploration of the Buddha's teachings and how they impact on people's lives.

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St. Lucia resort draped in romance

Valentine's Day is the perfect time of year to give that steamy spa getaway to your partner

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada

No surprise that more couples today are stealing away from hectic, stressful daily life to spend "time-out" side-by-side at a spa.

What better way to renew the spark and energy of a romance than with a little private "us" time for hands-on therapy. With V-Day just around the corner, hotels and resorts are ramping up the romance by bringing out the big guns: Champagne, chocolate and roses.

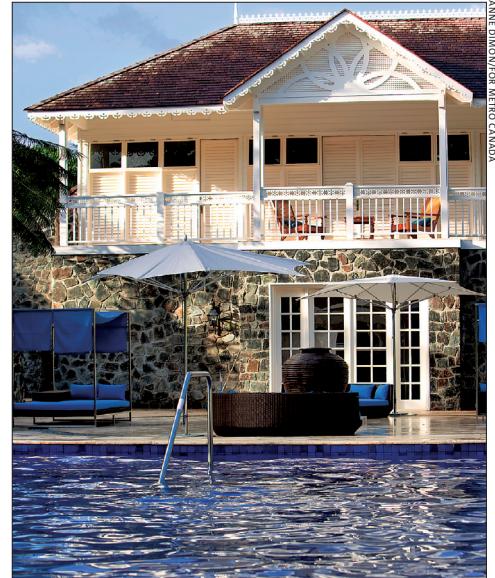
One newly-upgraded resort on the lush island of St. Lucia has positioned itself to dish up romance year-round. The entire con-



Rendezvous resort re-opened in November following a \$15 million US renovation and facelift.

cept of Rendezvous, an all-inclusive, boutique resort

and spa for couples only, has, in fact, been con-



Nearly every room on the resort has a view of Malabar Beach.

If you go...

- Airfare is not included in packages.

- All-inclusive resort stays are \$330 per couple, per night with no minimum stays.

- At Rendezvous they won't impose activities on you, but they do offer an amazing choice of activities from tennis to golf to archery to volleyball.

- This wonderful garden paradise is perched right on St. Lucia's longest white sand beach,

- They have a state of the art water sports facility, a first class PADI Scuba Centre, two pools, a Jacuzzi and for when you are exhausted, really comfortable sun loungers for you to sink into and snooze away a few hours.

densed into three little words and spelled out in its URL — theromanticholiday.com. Located on Malabar Beach about three kilometres from the capital city of Castries, the 17-year-old, 100-room resort re-opened in November following a \$15 million US facelift and expansion that included the addition of a spa and gym.

Romance is the name of the game here. In fact, the hotel could be considered quite openly suggestive as elements of their deco get right to the point. For instance, while some boutique hotels hold the green apple as their signature item, here it's the Anthurium — a rather phallicum — a rather phallic

looking plant. Then there's Rodin's Kissing Couple. Along with CD players and king-size, four poster beds, a replica of the embracing nudes statue is prominently displayed in each guest room.

An expansive open-air space encompassing bar, lounge and dining area all overlook pristine Malabar Beach. Le Rendezvous is the only hotel on this beach and the red flags you see planted in the white sugar sand does not signal dangerous waves but that another round of cocktails — or a freshly squeezed passion fruit from the juice bar — is being requested. An intimate finer dining restaurant is called Trysting Place.

It's a quiet, tranquil space — no blaring music, no loud holiday-camp type activities — nicely appointed and service-oriented. General manager Yasmine Remy says two of the things that make Rendezvous special are "the atmosphere and the personalization of service — meeting the needs without being intrusive."

A short stroll from the lobby, guests find The Wa-

ter Garden Spa. Outside there's a swimming pool (the second on the property) where, before or after treatments, guests cozy up on moon-shaped, wicker settees. Nearby, the Water Garden is a man-made river winding seductively around semi-private islands with water-waiter service and beds of plants and foliage sourced from around the island to attract birds.

While many hotels are big on the arrival ritual — glasses of chilled champagne and other gestures of welcome — check out procedures typically comes with less fanfare.

One of the points of distinction at Le Rendezvous is its "departure lounge." Guests catching a late day flight can use Hospitality House which includes the gym, showers and change rooms.

Yasmine says one of her personal goals is to make the departure as special as the arrival. Part of that ritual is the Wishing Well — when couples leave, Remy explains they are encouraged to make a wish. "Hopefully," she says, "they wish to come back."



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Walt Disney World book is back again

TIPS Right after grabbing eight national book awards, the best-selling Complete Walt Disney World returns with The Complete Walt Disney World 2010.

It has more than 500 full-color photos, and this book rates and reviews over 700 attractions, shops, restaurants, and hotels. Old Disney-heads will

want to see the refurbished Space Mountain and the all-new American Idol Experience. The illustrated articles make it easy to choose the your theme-park tickets and save lots of money. And the abundance of photos give children a way to read it with their parents. The images show attractions, restaurants and more.

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The Complete Walt Disney World 2010



The view from Mumask, Russia offers unobstructed views for miles of the lights.

Turning up the lights

Metro's picks for the best view of the Northern Lights

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News



To any serious traveller, the Northern Lights are simply a "must-do-before-you die" deal.

They're on the same list as trekking to Machu Pichu, or losing your shirt in Vegas as a 100 per cent travel no-brainer.

Metro's pick of the places to see them are:

Tromso, Norway

Why: The almost entire lack of daylight just makes things more surreal.

Where: Tromso Grand Nordic Hotel

Cost: \$120 per night
rica-hotels.com

John o'Groats, Scotland

Why: Seclusion and scotch. The village is at the top of Britain and perfect for Highland exploration.

Where: Far North Cottage at Dunnet Head,

Caithness

Cost: Seven days \$300 self-catering-
scotland.com/dunnetthead

Murmansk, Russia

Why: Dripping in Soviet-era history and still the main naval base of Russia's Northern Fleet. Not pretty, but very iconic. It is very very cold so be prepared.

Where: Park Inn Poliarnie Zori
Cost: From \$100
murmansk.parkinn.ru

Travel in brief

SAN FRAN The San Francisco Book and the San Francisco Visitors Planning Guide, published by the San Francisco Visitors Bureau, have been given a cover-to-cover makeover for the new year. The guides includes coverage on can't miss museum exhibits, tourist favorites paired with lesser-known local gems. (onlyin sanfrancisco.com)

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OLYMPICS The Vancouver Art Gallery will play a central role in enlivening Vancouver's downtown streets during the 2010 Olympic Games with three major public art installations in the city's most prominent locations. Visit vanartgallery.bc.ca to get the details of who, when and where you can find the events. The VAG will also be displaying a landmark exhibition of drawings by Leonardo da Vinci during the Games.

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5 Must-visit resort pools

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News



Wikipedia describes a swimming pool as "an artificially enclosed body of water intended for swimming or water-based recreation."

Whoever penned those unlovely words has obviously never sipped a killer mojito in a cliffside infinity pool as the sun set over the Aegean. Twenty-first century hotel pool design marries hi-tech with high art. Metro has scoured the globe to find the five best.

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Blue Lagoon

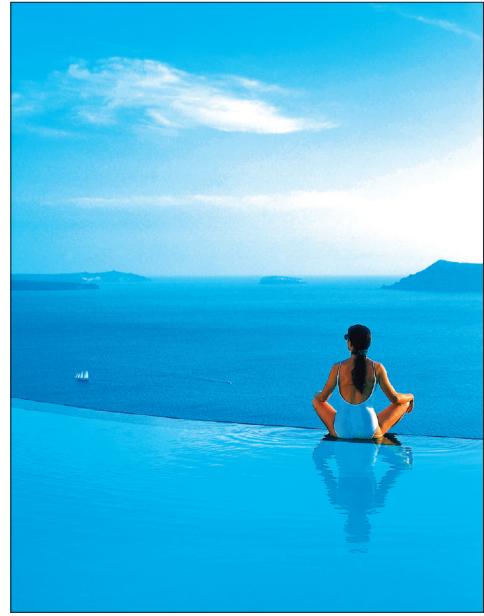
Iceland

If air temperatures of just above freezing coupled with geo-thermally heated seawater pools set in other-worldly black lava sounds like your bag, then this Icelandic gem is for you.

Lots of caves, and crannies, steaming waters and a distinct feeling of being on another planet. Relax and sink away into the pool. (bluelagoon.com)



The Blue Lagoon in Iceland is geo-thermic and is set against a black lava backdrop.



The Intercontinental offers great views of Victoria Harbour.

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Banyan tree

Mahé, Seychelles

A classic infinity pool overlooking Intendance Bay at Banyan Tree resort on the island of Mahé. It benefits from being surrounded by jungle-like fauna and a hotel with stunning service. (banyantree.com)

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Intercontinental

Hong Kong

Brilliant hotel with a trio of brilliant infinity pools which give the impression you are floating in Victoria Harbour. Each pool is heated to a different temperature but all have underwater music piped in. (intercontinental.com)

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Hotel du Cap

Eden-Roc, France

A-listers from JFK to Madonna have chilled here and the hotel is the setting for Scott Fitzgerald's Tender is the Night. The infinity pool is the perfect place to star watch as well as relax as you overlook the bay (hotel-du-cap-edenroc.com)

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Perivolas

Santorini, Greece

The Perivolas infinity pool is rarely far from travel magazine covers and with good reason — it is insanely beautiful. Set on the edge of a Caldera (a big volcanic hole now filled with the impossibly blue waters of the Aegean) the views are almost surreally serene. The family-owned boutique hotel is also humblingly tasteful. An absolute must-do-before-you-die location. perivolas.gr



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Efron looking for a Hangover

Zac Efron wants to star in The Hangover sequel. He would love a role in the movie because he was such a fan of the first film, which was a worldwide box office smash. He said: "I haven't got that call yet to join them but that would be amazing." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

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Ring hollow

Kim Kardashian says rumours of a supposed deal she made with boyfriend Reggie Bush to buy her an engagement ring if his New Orleans Saints win the Super Bowl are totally false. PEOPLE.COM



Going to Extraordinary Measures

Film legend Harrison Ford looking to tell good stories

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Few actors have achieved the iconic status of Harrison Ford. The man who cracked Indiana Jones' whip and flew the Millennium Falcon is an idol for generations of movie lovers — and has made Hollywood lots of money.

When asked if he ever predicted his success, Ford humbly admits that it was hardly what he expected. "I thought if I was really lucky I'd get a regular part in a TV series. I had no ambition to be anything more than an employed actor," Ford says.

"I had no concept of the potential that I was lucky enough to achieve. I thought I was a character actor, not a leading man."

But despite all his success, the 67-year old Ford

Extraordinary Measures opens in theatres on Friday

admits he is now less interested in finding high profile films to increase his star status than he is in finding roles that interest him as an actor.

"What I look for is something different from what I've done lately and a role that plays an important part in telling a story that

I think would make a good movie," says Ford.

This search for material led Ford to produce Extraordinary Measures, the true story of John Crowley, a man who gave up a successful career to pursue a cure to the rare disease affecting his children.

It was Ford who brought the material to the studio to turn it into a film. "I thought Crowley's story was a fantastic example of what courage, conviction, and passion can do to



Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford star in the new film *Extraordinary Measures*.

change your life," says Ford.

"I was looking for material to develop in which I would have a role to play. It seemed to me that the best ally for a character was story. So I thought that

if I had a strong story I could find a strong character."

The project allowed Ford to create the role of the surely Dr. Robert Stonehill, who helps Crowley achieve his goal. Stonehill is not

based on a real person, instead Ford created his character based on the research that he and his filmmaking partners uncovered.

"We didn't find anyone as maladjusted and difficult as my character, but

we found the circumstances that might lead a man to feel that way. Often a college's football coach will make more than the entire science budget of some institutions," says Ford. The character plays to the actor's strengths, but he is quick to admit that he has no intention of producing films regularly. "I wouldn't do it unless there's a good part for myself. It's too much like a real job otherwise."

Of course, no matter what the actor has done lately, fans still want to see him return to his most famous roles. Ford admits there's a chance he will be donning Indy's fedora again.

"George Lucas is working on a new idea. If it bears fruit and Steven Spielberg and I both respond to it, I'd be happy to do it," says Ford. But for now, the actor is primarily focused on finding new and interesting characters to share with his audience, much as he always has: "I didn't become an actor to be rich and famous. I did it to tell stories and have a job that I liked."

Hawksley Workman Meats his match on new album

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Titling a pair of albums Meat and Milk is a statement.

For Hawksley Workman, it signals a suite of aggressive, masculine songs that are balanced with a corresponding vulnerability.

For example, You Don't Just Want to Break Me is a "lucky moment" captured on record — an intense performance coaxed from Workman by his co-producer and studio engineer Stew Crookes. The pair was drinking beers in the studio, brainstorming how to approach the vocal delivery. Originally written in Tasmania, the track was conceived on a long walk home after a particularly aggressive Nick Cave concert.

"I wanted the song to be on par with (Nick Cave's) delivery. I never sing notes



Singer-songwriter Hawksley Workman has two new albums, *Meat*, which is now available, and a second Euro pop album called *Milk*, which will have a full release in April.

that high, so they are the result of me being a bit inebriated in the studio, and trying that. It does something to my voice — tightens it up a bit," he said. "I'm a bit worried about how to perform that song live ... Stew (Crookes) is a guru — one of those guys who always has the

recording button engaged at the right time."

Compared to its counterpart, *Milk* (which was produced in Stockholm by an "electro-pop guru"), *Meat* is a banging record that often recalls TV on the Radio or Justice. Workman said the album's sound was inspired in part by Crookes'

hero David Friedman, who crafted the sound of neo-psychedelic groups like The Flaming Lips and Mercury Rev.

The goal was to apply Friedman's style to a "bombastic, belligerent sound," and the resulting mix of intensity and tenderness comes across in songs like Depress My Hangover, where gospel singers counterpoint gritty production. Workman grew up listening to Motown, and wanted the song, which tells a story of a couple living in a cheap downtown apartment "locked away from the self-importance of the outside world" and drinking away their days, to reflect that spiritual passion.

Perhaps the cleanest-sounding song on the record is album opener Song for Sarah Jane. Recorded backstage at the Union Chapel, an old church in London, Eng-

land, Workman wrote the song for his friend Sarah Jane.

"I was sitting backstage there, and recorded that song there using a little handheld recorder," said Workman. "I played the song on a piano backstage, while the tech guys were loading a PA onto the stage — that's what you hear (in the background). I knew there was no way I'd be

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Jury to decide suspect's fate in Letterman case

COURT A jury should get to decide whether a TV producer's dealings with David Letterman were attempted blackmail or just hard-nosed business, a judge ruled yesterday.

Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Charles Solomon refused to throw out an attempted grand larceny charge against the producer, Robert "Joe" Halderman. The ruling puts the case on a path toward trial, which could bring testimony from the Late Show host about events in his private life that have been pushed into public view.

The case spurred Letterman to tell viewers in October that he had slept with women on his staff.

Prosecutors say Halderman demanded \$2 million to keep quiet about the talk-show host's affairs. Halderman says he was just offering Letterman a chance to buy — and keep private — a thinly veiled screenplay about Letterman's life.

Whether Halderman's conduct amounted to commerce or crime "is a classic example of an issue that is best left for a trial jury to decide," Solomon wrote.

The 52-year-old Halderman, a producer for CBS' 48

Hours Mystery, could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted. A trial date could be set at his next court appear-

ance March 9. Defence lawyer Gerald Shargel said he was "perfectly willing to put it in front of a trial jury." A Letterman lawyer has said the comedian would willingly testify.

Prosecutors say the financially strapped Halderman threatened to ruin Letterman's reputation with information he had gleaned from his then-girlfriend's diary. It described her relationship with Letterman, her boss, authorities said.

Letterman married long-time girlfriend Regina Lasko last March. They began dating in 1986 and have a six-year-old son.

In subsequent meetings with another Letterman lawyer, Halderman laid out his cover story of selling a screenplay — even insisting on drawing up a contract and getting paid by check in case of a tax audit, prosecutors said.

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It seems that a documentary critical of soft-drink giant Coca-Cola has left a bitter taste with the company.

The multinational corporation has told a university film network planning to screen The Coca-Cola Case in several cities that the movie contains inaccuracies and violates a confidentiality agreement.

The Montreal-based group, called Cinema Politica, says Coke lawyers sent it a letter earlier this month issuing veiled legal threats if it proceeds with plans to host screenings in Canada, the United States and abroad.

But the group's programmer, Ezra Winton, says they won't back down, noting their own le-

gal counsel has said they are within their rights to show the film.

The Coca-Cola Case, co-produced by Argus Films of Montreal and the National Film Board of Canada, links Coca-Cola to human rights abuses and anti-union tactics in Colombia and Guatemala.

In the letter to Cinema Politica provided by the group, Faith Gay of New York law firm Quinn Emanuel says "the Coca-Cola Company reserves all of its rights and remedies with regard to any future showing of the film."

Winton said The Coca-Cola Case would begin its tour as planned Monday night at Montreal's Concordia University and continue through March. Other stops include Halifax, Fredericton, Toronto, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Alta., Vancouver and Yellowknife.

"We talked to the NFB, the distributor and the filmmakers and everything seemed fine and we had some legal advice that we're in our rights to show the film, and

so we're going ahead," Winton said from Montreal.

A spokeswoman for Coca-Cola said the company took issue with the film on several points.

"The unfounded allegations made in the documentary have been reviewed by multiple courts in Colombia and the United States, as well by the International Labor Organization, and outside law firms — all concluding that the Coca-Cola bottler employees in Colombia enjoy extensive, normal relations with multiple unions and are provided with safe working conditions there," Kerry Kerr said Monday in an email.

Winton said The Coca-Cola Case, directed by Carmen Garcia and German Gutierrez, screened without incident at the Montreal International Documentary Festival last November.

He added that Coca-Cola's legal objections are drawing more publicity to the group's planned screenings.

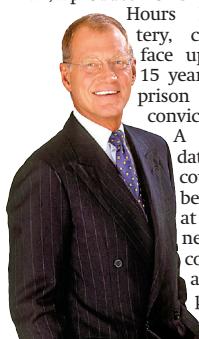
"The amount of traffic onto the Coca-Cola tour page on the Cinema Politica website is just massive... and the amount of activity on our Facebook group, the amount of emails, the amount of stuff online, blogs and elsewhere indicates to us that we're going to have a big turnout," Winton said.

"It's the most attention that we've ever got for any of the films that have screened throughout the network."

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China pulls Avatar 2-D version from theatres

FILM Chinese censors have ordered the 2-D version of Avatar pulled from screens across the country, apparently to reduce competition for the homegrown film industry.

The 3-D and IMAX versions of James Cameron's global hit will continue their run into February.

But Saturday marks the end of the 2-D run of the science fiction epic, which also dramatizes the forced eviction of a people — a politically sensitive subject

in China.

China Film Group, the state-run domestic distributor of the Hollywood blockbuster, has reportedly ordered the move after receiving instructions from China's censors. Repeated calls to the distributor's spokesman Tuesday went unanswered.

Reportedly, part of the reason is to reduce competition for China's homegrown films, like the state-backed biopic of Confucius, the ancient Chinese

philosopher, which opens this Thursday.

There is also sensitivity to the movie's plot, which revolves around the forced evictions of the alien Na'vi race by humans — a story line that some have said draws unflattering comparisons to China's own, often brutal removal of millions of residents to make way for property developers.

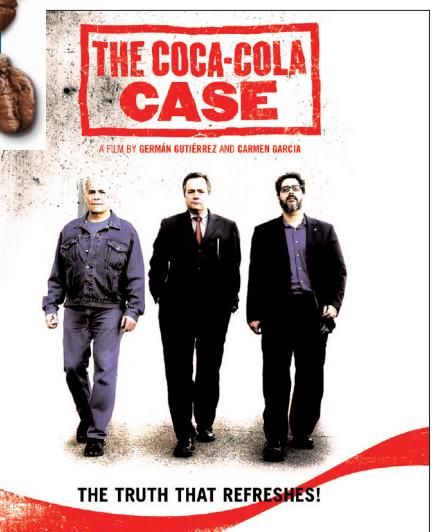
Columnist Huang Hung penned a commentary in the official English-lan-

guage China Daily, saying the film had struck a chord with Chinese viewers.

"All the forced removal of old neighbourhoods in China makes us the only earthlings today who can really feel the pain of the Na'vi," she wrote.

Avatar is already the biggest box-office success in China, pulling in more than \$44 million US as of Jan 12. It quickly surpassed last year's 2012 and Transformers 3.

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The Montreal-based group Cinema Politica, which produced the documentary The Coca-Cola Case, have received veiled legal threats regarding the screening of the film.

A tradition 'nevermore'?

A mysterious visitor who left roses and cognac at the grave of Edgar Allan Poe each year on the writer's birthday failed to show early Tuesday, breaking with a ritual that began more than 60 years ago.

"I'm confused, befuddled," said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House and Museum. "I don't know what's going on."

The tradition dates back to at least 1949, according to newspaper accounts from the era, Jerome said. Since then, an unidentified person has come every Jan. 19 to leave three roses and a half-bottle of cognac at Poe's grave in a church cemetery in Baltimore.

The event has become a pilgrimage for die-hard Poe fans, some of whom travel hundreds of miles. About three dozen stood huddled in blankets during the overnight cold Tuesday, peering through the churchyard's iron gates hoping to catch a glimpse of the figure known only as the 'Poe toaster.'

At 5:30 a.m., Jerome emerged from inside the church, where he and a se-



Leah Trindall, from Sydney, Australia, photographs a monument to Edgar Allan Poe Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010.

lect group of Poe enthusiasts keep watch over the graveyard, and announced to the crowd that the visitor never arrived. He allowed an Associated Press reporter inside the gates to view both of Poe's grave sites, the original one and a newer site where the body was moved in 1875.

There was no sign of roses or cognac at either tombstone. Jerome said the Poe toaster has always arrived before 5:30 a.m. There was still a chance the visit could occur later in the day, but Jerome said he doubted the person would risk a public unveiling by performing the task

in daylight, when other visitors could be there.

"I'm very disappointed, to the point where I want to cry," said Cynthia Pelayo, 29, who had stood riveted to her prime viewing spot at the gate for about six hours. "I flew in from Chicago to see him. I'm just really sad. I hope that he's OK."

Pelayo and Poe fans from as far as Texas and Massachusetts had passed the overnight hours reading aloud from Poe's works, including the poem The Raven, with its haunting repetition of the phrase "nevermore."

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Musical women rule nominations

MUSIC AWARDS Women are dominating the nominations for Britain's leading music awards — the Brits. Quirky chanteuses Florence and the Machine, Pixie Lott, Lily Allen and Lady GaGa all have three nominations.

Nominees in the international categories include Bruce Springsteen, Eminem, Jay-Z, Michael Bublé and Shakira. Robbie Williams will receive an award for outstanding contribution to music at the Feb. 16 ceremony in London.

Leno late-night return is right move for network

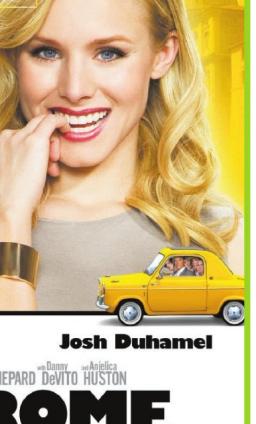
NBC Universal chief executive Jeff Zucker says Jay Leno's return to late-night television is the right financial move. NBC is ending its prime-time The Jay Leno Show because of low ratings and affiliate station complaints.

An exit deal with Conan O'Brien is expected this week.

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Grease actor Jeff Conaway, who was last seen trying to get sober in Celebrity Rehab, was admitted to a Los Angeles hospital on Monday with serious injuries after falling down a staircase at his home, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Greased lightning

Celebrity Buzz

Barbie looks — and brain?

IF NOT ADDICTED, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? Under fire for the staggering number of cosmetic procedures she's recently undergone, Heidi Montag now says she isn't addicted to plastic surgery — she just wants to be as beautiful as she can be, inside and out, people.com reports.

Asked on Tuesday's Good Morning America for a response to those who say she is addicted, Montag, 23, replied, "I would say that none of those people know me at all, and that's just a judgment. I'm not addicted. If I were addicted, I would have had 10 plastic surgeries."

What she had, actually,

was 10 procedures on the same day, back in November. This followed a previous surgery three years ago. In a recent interview with People, Montag admitted she was "beyond obsessed" with having work done.

Asked why she would want to look like a Barbie doll, Montag replied, "I think I look like myself. I think I just look like a different, improved version of myself."

Many observers are

upset with the message that's sent to young girls when an already attractive 23-year-old chooses to undergo so many alterations. But Montag says it's her life — and in her line of work, alterations can be necessary.

"I'm in a different industry," she said, "and I have to do things that are going to make me happy at the end of the day."

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For only \$1,500 a week you could help support this girl

AND HER SHOE COLLECTION

Britney Spears has reportedly found a way around the spending restrictions placed on her by her father, according to TMZ. Sources say the singer bought a pair of boots at a Steve Madden store in L.A.

using a body-guard's credit card.

When the clerk gave her a hard time about the name on the card, Spears

reportedly insisted it was a corporate card.

According to the Web site, Spears' dad caps her credit card spending at \$1,500 US a week.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Shining stars for Haiti

HOLLYWOOD'S CAUSE CELEB

Golden Globe winner Sandra Bullock has turned anything but a Blind Side to the situation in Haiti — and has donated \$1 million US in relief aid to the victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake, people.com reports.

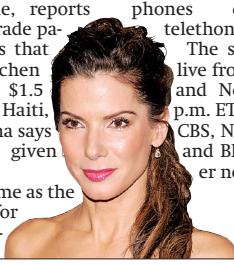
Bullock's contribution matches those by George Clooney and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, reports Variety. The trade paper also notes that Gisele Bündchen has pledged \$1.5 million to Haiti, while Madonna says she has given \$250,000.

The gifts come as the star roster for Friday's multi-

network Hope for Haiti telethon, organized and to be co-hosted by Clooney and Wyclef Jean, continues to expand. Among those set to perform now include Christina Aguilera, Bono, Alicia Keys, Sting and Justin Timberlake. Tom Cruise and Julia Roberts have already been announced as answering the phones during the telethon.

The special will air live from Los Angeles and New York at 8 p.m. ET on MTV, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, FOX, and BET among other networks.

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RICKY MARTIN is pitching in, **ELLEN DEGENERES** does in fact want to brag, **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER** makes motivating sound threatening, and **KATY PERRY** is perplexed by rain in Los Angeles.



@ricky_martin on my way to #Haiti
@TheEllenShow I don't want to brag, but Keith Urban serenaded me today.
@schwarzenegger Maria and I are pumping up all the great kids volunteering at Van Nuys Middle School
@katyperry Do i shower or just stand outside for one minute?

METRO WORLD NEWS

Baby Daddy?

STARS DON'T GO THROUGH MENOPAUSE, RIGHT?

Madonna is reportedly looking to expand her family by having a child with Jesus Luz, her Brazilian male model boyfriend, according to the Sun.

"She knows that, at 51, it's going to be harder to conceive naturally," a source says. "But she is Olympic-athlete fit and is ready for the challenge."

And Luz is reportedly onboard with the idea, having told Madonna he thinks having a child would be "his greatest adventure."



Brooke is on the IRS hook

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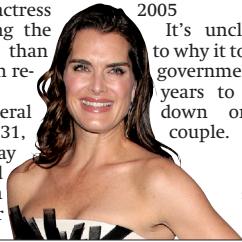
It appears Brooke Shields has a little something in common with Nicolas Cage — the actress is accused of stiffing the IRS out of more than \$10,000 US, TMZ.com reports.

According to a federal tax lien filed on Dec. 31, 2009 — the same day Uncle Sam smacked Cage for \$6 million — Shields and her

husband Christopher Henchy owe \$4391.70 in unpaid taxes from 2004 and \$5932.50 from 2005.

It's unclear as to why it took the government four years to clamp down on the couple.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



Babies love tour buses

AS WELL AS DIAMONDS, CASH-MERE AND CRISTAL

Beyoncé Knowles admits she's looking forward to starting a family, but she and Jay-Z don't have any specific plans as of yet.

"I definitely want to have a child, but I know from my nephew it's a lot," she tells Allure magazine. "I hope

that those things will just happen naturally. I still haven't had time to relax."

The singer also admits she's concerned for her curves. "I always say, 'I don't want to lose my curves.' I like firm curves," she says.

"You can never do enough squats, you can never do enough sit-ups. I like for women to look feminine."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Just friends

AND BALANCE HAS RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSE

Turns out the rumors about Jessica Simpson dating Billy Corgan weren't true, according to Fox News. "Jessica loved spending so much time in and out of the studio with Billy. She's in awe of his musical prowess, and it adds to her feelings for him, but they are not dating," a source says. "Dating Jessica publicly can be intense. Billy maintains a quiet, private music-focused life and the taste of publicity he got while being with Jessica was an eye opener."



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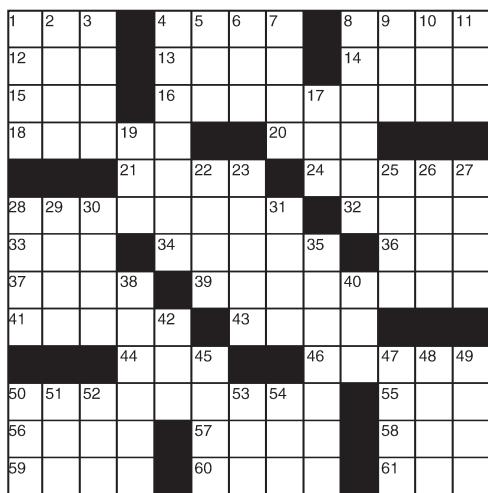


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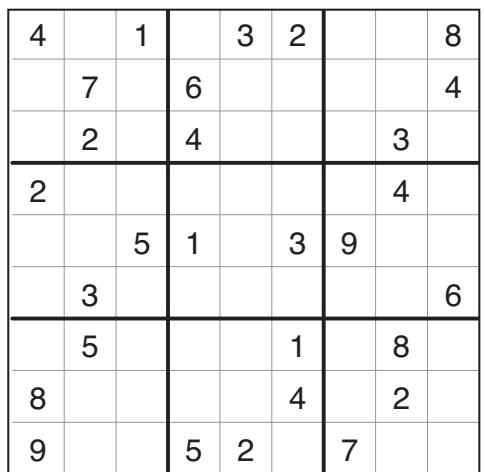
Thursday
Partly cloudy
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Friday
Partly cloudy
-4° / -11°

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

**ACROSS**

- 1 Pretense
4 Sit for a snapshot
8 Sleeping
12 Also
13 Press
14 "Arrivederci"
15 Lumoxox
16 Triangular Halloween treat
18 Use tweezers
20 Witness
21 Brewery products
24 Despots
28 Measures of luminous intensity
32 Fat
33 Mimic
34 Novelist
Ephron
36 Grazing area
37 Anthropologist
Margaret
39 Openly
41 Added
43 Martial-arts school
44 Sprite
- 46 Expand a computer file
50 February 2nd
55 Before
56 Enthusiastic
57 Right on the map?
58 — Francisco
59 Took the bus
60 Fling
61 Potent stick

DOWN

- 1 Surmounting
2 Brat's stocking stuffer
3 Vegan's protein source
4 Intoxicated
5 "... man — mouse?"
6 Trinity member
7 Tackles' teammates
8 Way in
9 Resume, for short
10 Listener
11 Dress in
17 Nevertheless
19 Scoundrel
22 A util.

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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CAPE	K	N	E	P	I	C
ALOT	R	E	U	S	A	B
TROUPERS	P	A	H	E	S	E
ASHEN	S	T	O	A	H	L
LEI	G	O	L	F	W	I
ORR	E	V	E	N	D	E
EAT	D	A	D	O	G	E

9	8	7	6	3	5	4	1	2
4	3	5	7	1	2	8	9	6
6	2	1	8	9	4	5	7	3
3	6	2	9	4	8	7	5	1
1	9	8	2	5	7	6	3	4
5	7	4	1	6	3	2	8	9
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7	4	3	5	2	1	9	6	8
8	1	9	4	7	6	3	2	5

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As from today you will find it easier to get along with other people, both in your work environment and in your private life.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Be adventurous, be courageous, and above all believe that you have what it takes to be the best at what you do.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

You cannot afford to get upset about things that require a practical rather than an emotional response.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

Make allowances for people who are more emotional than you. Not everyone possesses your self-control.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

You may not have been looking or feeling your best of late but don't worry because within a matter of days you will be back on top of the world again.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Try not to see every encounter as a battle that must be won. You can easily turn enemies into allies and foes into friends, simply by talking to them.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

If you have been living beyond your means in recent weeks then you will have to tighten your belt considerably as from today.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

The Sun leaves your birth sign today but you don't have to leave the good times behind. In many ways your luck will improve over the next few weeks.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

You will make some interesting new friends over the next few weeks while the Sun is moving through your opposite sign of Aquarius.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Even if your actual birthday is not for some days or weeks yet it will feel like your birthday over the next 24 hours, so by all means celebrate.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Get a grip on your working routine. Draw up a schedule and stick to it. It may be the last thing you want to do but wanting does not come into it.

PISCES**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

The most important thing now is that you make a mental effort to look on the bright side, even if what happens today is not entirely to your liking.

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Golden Kebabs with Zesty Mayonnaise

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 2 tsp (10 mL) turmeric
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 skinless boneless chicken breasts
- 3 nectarines, halved and pitted
- 12 baby peppers, halved
- 2 scallions, chopped
- Grated zest of 1/2 lemon
- 6 3/4 tbsp (100 mL) mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) plain low-fat yogurt
- lemon juice, to taste

chicken, nectarines and peppers onto eight metal skewers, nestling wedges of nectarine inside pepper halves and alternating with chicken chunks. Put kebabs into large, shallow, ovenproof dish.

3. Broil kebabs 5 minutes per side. Chicken should be cooked through and peppers and edges of nectarines should be well browned, with charring in places.

4. In small bowl, mix scallions and lemon zest with mayonnaise and yogurt, and add lemon juice to taste. Serve dollops of dressing beside kebabs.

METHOD:

1. Put olive oil in bowl. Add turmeric, garlic and seasoning. Cut each chicken breast into six chunks, then add to mixture and toss to coat. Set aside.
2. Preheat broiler to high. Cut each nectarine half into four wedges, for 24 pieces in total. Thread

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This day in history

1265: In Westminster, the first English parliament conducts its first meeting held by Simon de Montfort in the Palace of Westminster, now also known colloquially as the "Houses of Parliament."

1783: The Kingdom of Great Britain signs a peace treaty with France and Spain, officially ending hostilities in the Revolutionary War.

1885: L.A. Thompson patents the roller coaster.

1961: John F. Kennedy is inaugurated as the youngest man, and first-ever Roman Catholic, to become elected President of the United States.

